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1. As a result of the Korean War, the number of disabled and retired soldiers and dependents of deceased soldiers and political workers in East China increased by 265,477 families, a total of 856,631 persons, during 1951. Among these, 173,500 persons are very poor and badly need relief. The living problems of over 90,000 of these persons have been solved through the efforts of local governments, but there are still more than 80,000 who require relief. These statistics were compiled by the Relief and Assistance Bureau of Civil Affairs Department of the East China Military and Administration Committee (MAC).
2. At a meeting on 5 February 1952 Relief and Assistance cadres from the East China District were told by a cadre from the East China MAC Finance Department that the economic and financial conditions facing the country prevented higher governmental organizations from materially contributing to the relief and that the responsibility had to rest with organs of local governments.
3. At the meeting the following two resolutions were passed:
 - a. To apply the Three Anti's movement stringently to persons conducting relief operations to insure that money and grain are used only for relief and assistance.
 - b. To encourage all people in the East China Region to assist the government in solving the living problems of the 80,000 persons who badly need assistance, in the hope that this problem can be solved in 1952.
4. The measures to be taken include:
 - a. In villages, dependents with no farming ability will be given land

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according to the size of the family. Other farmers in the village will cultivate this land without compensation and the crops will go to the dependents.

- b. In cities, each dependent who is poor and unable to work will be assigned to a group of families who will be responsible for the support of the person. The number of families in the group will be governed by the ratio between the number of dependents and the population.
- c. In cities, each dependent who is able to work will be employed by a group of business concerns designated for that purpose. The number of businesses in the group will be governed by the ratio between the total number of businesses and the number of dependents. The job provided should be adequate to support the whole family of the deceased soldier.
- d. All newly formed organizations should give employment preference to dependents of deceased soldiers.
- e. Schools should be organized for children of deceased soldiers, where they can be given technical training for a set period of time and then be provided with employment.